

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names, that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe that said invention, design or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that said invention, design or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued prior to the date of this Application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns; and that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 (a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §119 (e) of the United States provisional application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C §112, we acknowledge our duty to disclose material information as defined 37 C.F.R. §1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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